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The reply, filed 5/5/00, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following matters: The claims of this application contain underlining or brackets that are intended to appear in the printed patent or are properly part of the claimed material. The brackets or underlining are not intended to indicate amendments or changes in the claims. Under these conditions, proposed amendments to the claims may not be made by underlining words added or by bracketing words to be deleted. Accordingly, the proposed amendment to the claims has not been entered. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). Claim 11 has been proposed to be amended wherein brackets in the claims confusingly apparently are to remain in the final form of the claim. The proposed amendment to claim 11 has not been entered. It is suggested that applicants cancel claim 11 and submit a new claim with the desired bracketing therein. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicants are given the time remaining in the period for response set in the last Office action or a ONE month time limit from the date of this letter, whichever is the longer, within which to complete the response. AN EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) OR (b).

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technical Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technical Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1988), 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993), and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (See 37 CFR § 1.6(d)). The CM1 Fax Center number is either (703)305-3014 or (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ardin Marschel, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-3894. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, can be reached on (703) 308-4028.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technical Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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